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C O N F I D E N T I A L MOSCOW 12165

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, SPON, UR

SUBJECT: RFE/RL AUDIBILITY IN MOSCOW AUGUST 14-21

REF: STATE 190276

SUMMARY. PER REQUEST REFTEL, EMBOFF MONITORED RL BROADCAST AUGUST 14 THROUGH 21 ON 13 FREQUENCIES. FOR A FEW MINUTES, AFTER THE PROGRAM BEGAN AT 1600 GMT, AUGUST 14, THE RL BROADCAST WAS VERY CLEAR AND STRONG ON FREQUENCY 21720. SOON, HOWEVER, HEAVY JAMMING BEGAN AND RL BROADCAST BECAME AND REMAINED UNINTELLIGIBLE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 8 DAY TEST.  
END SUMMARY.

1. A TAPE RECORDING OF THE CLEAR, AUGUST 14 BROADCAST AS WELL AS SAMPLINGS OF JAMMED SIGNALS FROM OTHER DAYS IN THE TEST PERIOD ARE ON A CASSETTE SENT TO EUR/SOV BY POUCH AUGUST 23, REGISTRY NUMBER 3652858.

2. ON AUGUST 20 AN EMBOFF MONITORED THE 13 RL FREQUENCIES FROM EMBASSY DACHA. ALL FREQUENCIES WERE HEAVILY JAMMED.

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3. THE ONLY UNEXPECTED OCCURENCE BESIDES THE BRIEF, CLEAR RECEPTION AUGUST 14, WAS THE ALMOST COMPLETE DISAPPEARANCE OF ANY SIGNAL AUGUST 21 ON FREQUENCY 21665. THE SIGNAL ON THIS FREQUENCY, ALTHOUGH JAMMED, WAS QUITE STRONG ON ALL OTHER DAYS.

4. IN GENERAL THE SIGNALS FROM THE FOLLOWING FREQUENCIES WERE THE STRONGEST IN MOSCOW:

21720, 21665, 21455, 15355, 15340. ON AUGUST 18, THE SIGNAL FROM FREQUENCY 15290 WAS QUITE STRONG, BUT ON THE OTHER DAYS OF THE TEST 15290 AND FREQUENCIES 11885, 11875, 9520 AND 7220 WERE LESS STRONG THAN THE OTHER FREQUENCIES MONITORED. ON AUGUST 14, FREQUENCY 15380 WAS BARELY AUDIBLE DURING THE FIRST 15 MINUTES OF THAT DAY'S BROADCAST (1600-1615 GMT), BUT THEN BECAME STRONGER.

5. THE 13 FREQUENCIES USED IN THIS SPECIAL SATURATION TEST WERE MONITORED OVER A PERIOD OF TWENTY MINUTES EACH DAY. EXACT TIMES ARE AVAILABLE IF NEEDED. EACH FREQUENCY WAS MONITORED AT LEAST TWICE DURING THE DAILY BROADCAST.  
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